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SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: DUTCH AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH
NYERERE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1790

1. MAY 30 IN COURSE CONTINUING EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH
AMBASSADOR VERKADE, WE NOTED SEVERAL POSSIBLY SIGNIFICANT
DISCREPANCIES IN REPORTS FROM AMBASSADORS VAN DEN BERG
AND CARTER CONCERNING MAY 29 VAN DEN BERG CONVERSATION
WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE. TWO ACCOUNTS ARE CONSISTENT
IN MAY RESPECTS BUT FOLLOWING DIFFERENCES SEEM EVIDENT
HERE:

(1) VAN DEN BERG STATES "NYERERE WAS ANGRY THAT US HAD
LAID 'RESPONSIBILITY' SO HEAVILY ON TANZANIA".

(2) NYERERE EXPLICITLY SAID TANZANIAN REP COULD NOT
ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH PRP.

(3) ORDER IN WHICH NYERERE TALKED ABOUT POSSIBLE
REPS TO PRP IS REVERSED IN VAN DEN BERG MESSAGE
WHERE FIRST COMMENT ATTRIBUTED TO NYERERE, "LETS US
CONSUL IN KIGOMA GO HIMSELF".

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(4) VAN DEN BERG SAYS NYERERE THOUGHT POSSIBLE MOTIVE

OF PRP WAS "TO EMBARRASS MOBUTU WITH TANZANIAN INTERFERENCE".

(5) NYERERE INDICATED REARREST IN TANZANIA OF INDIVIDUALS LINKED TO PRP HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT BECAUSE OF WHAT THEIR COMARDS IN ZAIRE HAD DONE. VAN DEN BERG QUOTES NYERERE AS SAYING, "I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS I HAVE HAD REARRESTED".

2. COMMENT: IT SEEMS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME TO ASSURE CONTINUED COOPERATION AMBASSADOR VERKADE (WHO SHOULD THEREFORE BE FULLY PROTECTED AS SOURCE THESE DIFFERENCES) THAN TO PURSUE MATTER FURTHER IN DAR. IF AMBASSADOR CARTER DISAGREES, I TRUST THAT AT MINIMUM IN REOPENING SUBJECT, HE WILL SHOWHOW DO SO IN WAY THAT DOES NOT COMPROMISE VERKADE.
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